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THE BISMARCK DISCLOSURES:  
London, October 30. It is reported th

**TURKEY—AND THE UNITED STATES.**  
October 27.—The Porte has refused to permit the United States man-of-war *Bancroft* to pass through the Straits of the Dardanelles en route to Constantinople where she was to be stationed as a guard ship. The Washington authorities are intensely irritated at Russia's having urged the Sultan to take this action. The American newspapers hysterically demand that the entrance to the Straits should be forced.

**THE SULTAN'S SAFETY.**  
October 28.—Reports from Constantinople state that the Sultan is to install himself in the city of Bursa.

**NEW HARBOUR ON THE BLACK SEA.**  
October 29. —The King of Roumania to-day laid the foundation-stone of the new harbour works at Constantza, on the Black Sea.  
His Majesty said that the works would be completed in six years. When finished it was hoped to divert the India and Australian trade, as it would be the shortest route to England.

**GREAT ACTIVITY IN THE SHIPPING TRADE.**  
There is an immense demand for steamers, tonnage, and 140 cargo steamers are being rapidly built in British shipyards. Freight charges are abnormally high.

**MADAGASCAR.**  
News from Madagascar states that General Gallieni, the French Commander-in-Chief and Resident in Madagascar, has executed the Hova Minister of the Interior on a charge of complicity in the native rebellion.

**October 31.**—In addition to the Hova

The minority favours the establishment of judicial tenancies, and the creation of a land court.

**THE EDUCATION QUESTION IN ENGLAND.**  
November 1.—The National Society, for Promoting the Establishment Church, has, in the interests of the bulk of the Church schools, suggested the payment of a rate of 6s. per head to all public elementary schools, and also that the rate be paid to schools within the School Board districts. The society considers that the inspection in the schools in the question should be limited to secular teaching.

**THE LONDON CABMEN.**  
Oct. 27.—Threatened general strike of

There is much indignation on the part of the public against the action of the cabmen in refusing to enter the railway termini and depositing passengers and their luggage.

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**CURRENCY REFORM IN RUSSIA.**

The report that the scheme of currency reform in Russia proposed by M. de Witte, the Russian Minister of Finance, had been postponed at the request of the Czar, is authoritatively denied.

**DEATH OF A RUSSIAN MINISTER.**

November 2.—Count D'Elton, the Russian Minister for Public Instruction, suffering from an attack of paralysis.

**THE ELECTIONS IN HUNGARY.**  
The general elections of Hungary have resulted in a great victory for the Liberal party.

**PRIESTS AND PARNELLISM.**  
The Sacred Congregation of the Propaganda has authorised Dr Nulty, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Meath, to compel the priests in his diocese to disavow 'Parnellism.' The Bishop has, in consequence, warned six priests that they will lose their parishes if they disobey his injunctions. The action of Dr Nulty has caused a great sensation in Ireland.

**QUEENSLAND AND FEDERATION.**  
*McLvorine, November 12.*—Mr Turner, the Victorian Premier, has stated in the assembly that he and other Premiers had telegraphed to Sir Hugh Nelson, asking him to allow Queensland to be represented at the proposed Federal Convention.

**QUEENSLAND NATIONAL BANK.—REPORT OF THE COMMISSION OF INQUIRY.**  
*Brisbane, November 15.*—The report of the commissioners appointed to ascertain the position of the affairs of the Queensland National Bank was presented to Parliament yesterday. The investigation has

have disappeared, and there is a deficit, of £1,252,810. Further, during the last three years the sum of £745,872 has been written off as bad. The Commissioners estimate that the unproductive advances, inclusive of the deficit, is £3,000,000.

The profits shown were to some extent fictitious, and the Commissioners were decidedly of opinion that no dividends should have been paid since the reconstruction of the bank, but were not in a position, to state when and to what extent dividends had prior to that date ceased to be justifiable.

editors to realise 20s. in the pound. Even on its reduced assets, they consider the bank can pay its expenses, 2½ per cent interest to its depositors, provide for current banking risks, and yet show an annual surplus of £100,000.

The Commissioners recommend that the private holders of deferred deposit receipts should replace the shareholders as proprietors of the bank, the capital of which is gone, and the shareholders remain legally in possession.

There have been 160,000 shares in the

November 13.—A bill to authorise the temporary guarantees by Government of certain deposits in the Queensland National Bank and for other purposes connected therewith, passed through all its stages in both Houses last night.

THE TURKISH QUESTION.

London, November 11.—The French Minister for Foreign Affairs recently made a speech in the Chamber of Deputies on the Turkish question, and the speech was hailed by the Sultan.

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<b>BANKS.</b>				
and Shanghai Bank Corp.	\$80,000	\$ 125	all	179 % prom. = \$348.
China and Japan, Limited, preference shares	39,950	5	E 6	nom.
ordinary "	10,000	8	E 10	210 nom.
deferred "	1,250	1	E 1	1.25
Bank of China, Limited.....	... E	10	E 10	836½ sales
<b>MARINE INSURANCES.</b>				
Insurance Office Co., Ltd.....	10,000	250	\$	50 \$185, sales
Indemnity Insurance Co., Ltd....	24,000	83.33	\$	26 \$75, sellers
Nippon Insurance Co., Ltd.....	5,000	100	\$	102 \$5, sellers
Insurance Co., Ltd.....	30,000	10	\$	20 \$25, buyers
Insurance Co., Ltd.....	10,000	250	\$	50 \$320, sellers
Insurance Association, Ltd..	8,000	100	\$	60 \$145
<b>FIRE INSURANCES.</b>				
Tai Insurance Co., Ltd.....	20,000	100	\$	20 \$103
Tung Fire Insurance Co., Ltd....	8,000	220	\$	5 \$505
<b>STEAMSHIP COMPANIES.</b>				
Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.....	12,500	125	all	214 % prm. = \$392.50
<b>STEAMBOATS.</b>				
Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.....	5,000	50	all	\$60, sellers
North-China S. S. Co., Ltd.....	20,000	50	all	\$50, sales
Shanghai & Peking Steamship Co., Ltd.	80,000	15	\$	18 \$32½, sales and buyers
Soochow S. S. Co., Ltd.....	10,000	10	all	\$4½, sellers
Sun S. N. Company, Limited.....	20,000	10	E 10	25, sellers
Taiwan S. N. Co., Ltd.....	20,000	10	E 10	27, sellers
Yunnan S. N. Co., Ltd.....	20,000	10	E 5	28.10, sellers
<b>REFINERIES.</b>				
Great Company, Limited.....	20,000	100	all	\$186, buyers
Kwai Chung Company, Limited.....	7,000	100	all	\$46
<b>WAREHOUSES.</b>				
Cow, Wark & Godown Co., Ltd....	20,000	50	all	\$60, buyers
Warehouse and Storage Co., Ltd.	2,600	100	\$	37½ \$45
<b>LAND AND BUILDING.</b>				
Land Investment and Development Co., Ltd.	50,000	100	\$	50 \$76
Land and Building Co., Ltd.....	6,000	50	\$	50 \$17½, sellers
Real Estate and Finance Co., Ltd.	25,400	10	all	\$84, buyers
United Building Co., Limited.....	12,500	50	all	\$0 \$12½, sales
<b>TRAMWAYS.</b>				
Hong-Kong Tramways Co., Ltd.,	1,250	100	all	\$69, sales
<b>MIXING.</b>				
Cement and Trading Co., Ltd.....	40,000	5	all	\$2.40
Mineral Co., Ltd.....	50,000	4	all	\$12½
Franchisee des Charbonnages de la Chine.	13,000	500	all	\$72½
Mineral Gold Mining Co., Ltd....	50,000	5	all	\$1.50, sellers
Gold Mining Co., Ltd.....	300,000	13/10	\$81	
Freeland Mines, Ltd.....	A 15,000	5	\$	5 \$6, sellers
Planting, ETC.	7,500	5	\$	25 \$3½, sellers
Rubber Company, Ltd.....	7,500	100	\$	65 nom.
Shanghai & Co., Limited, "oil."	6,000	50	all	in fig.
<b>RESTAURANTS.</b>				
Hotel Company, Ltd.....	12,000	50	all	\$30, sales
<b>DISPENSARIES.</b>				
Johnson & Co., Limited.....	50,000	10	all	\$12.75, sellers
Trickbank & Co., Ltd.....	50,000	5	all	nom.
<b>RAILWAYS.</b>				
China Tea Co., Limited.....	7,000	10	all	\$110
Electric Co., Limited.....	30,000	100	\$	\$6.40, buyers
<b>SHOPS AND CROCKERY.</b>				
Grand Central Co., Ltd.....	20,000	100	\$	\$10, sellers
<b>MISCELLANEOUS.</b>				
Submarine Eastern Agency, Ltd.	3,000	1	E 1	nom.
Moore & Co., Limited.....	1,200	10	E 10	nom.
Wanjiak & Co., Limited.....	6,000	25	\$	\$2 \$20, buyers
Bakery Company, Ltd.....	900	50	\$	\$30
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.....	10,000	75	\$	\$45 nom.
Ice Company, Limited.....	5,000	25	all	\$100, sellers
Liquidationary Co., Ltd.....	5,000	50	all	\$140, sales
Ocean Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	\$	100 \$24
Central Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	100	\$	100 \$25
New Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	8,000	100	\$	100 \$21
Textile Co., Ltd.....	2,000	25	\$	25 \$2
Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.....	10,000	50	\$	50 \$15
Order's share				
<b>AGENTS.</b>				
Imperial Bank, Ltd.	100,000	250	7 1/2	nominal 2 prom.